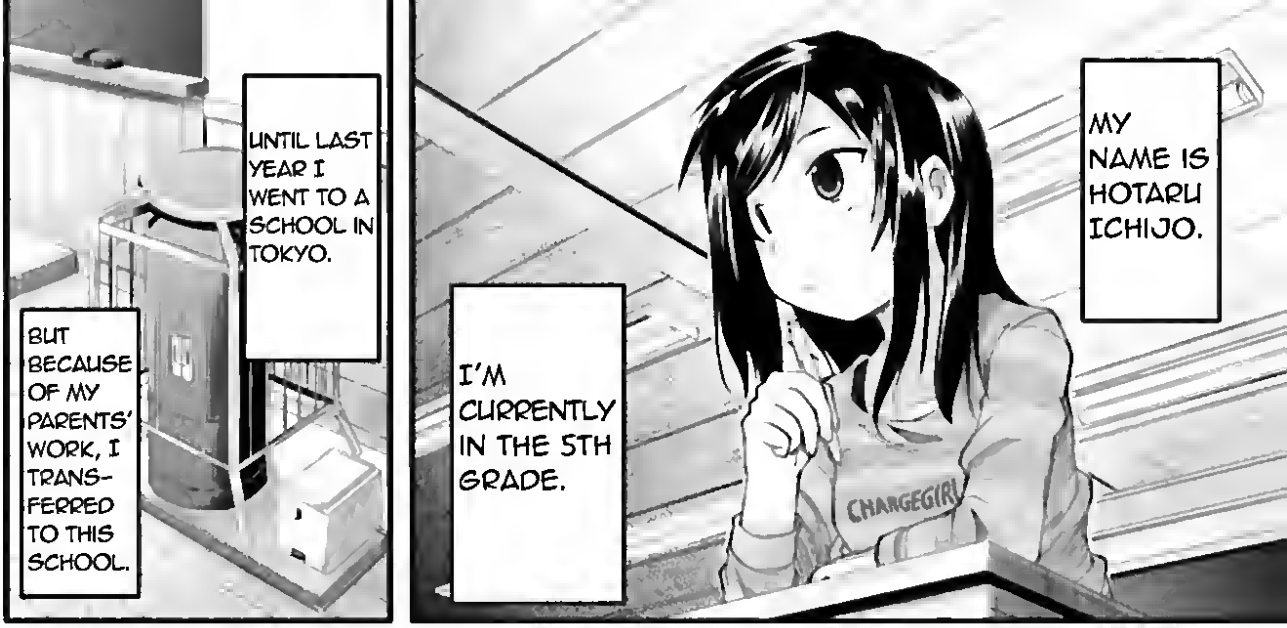
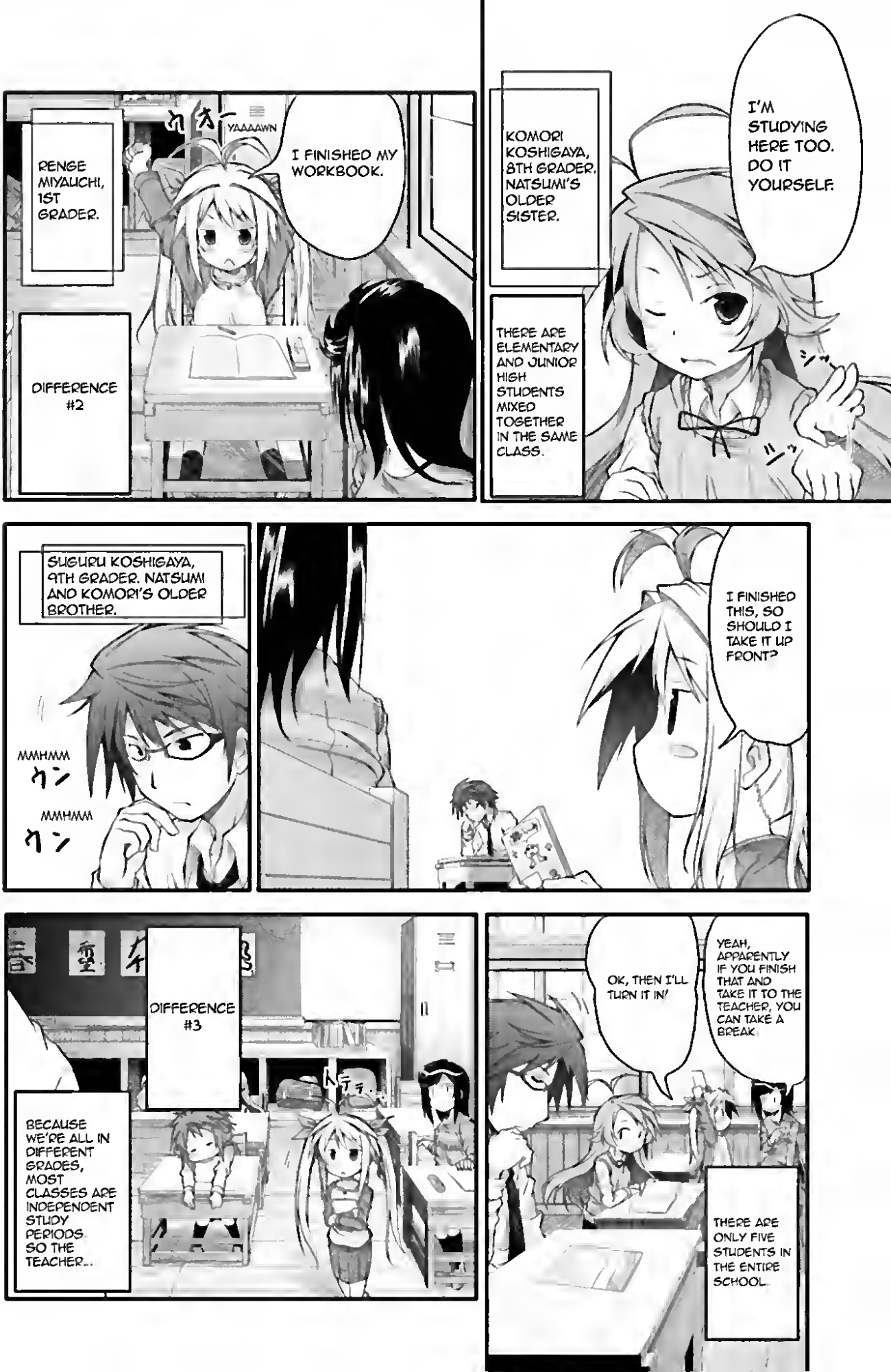
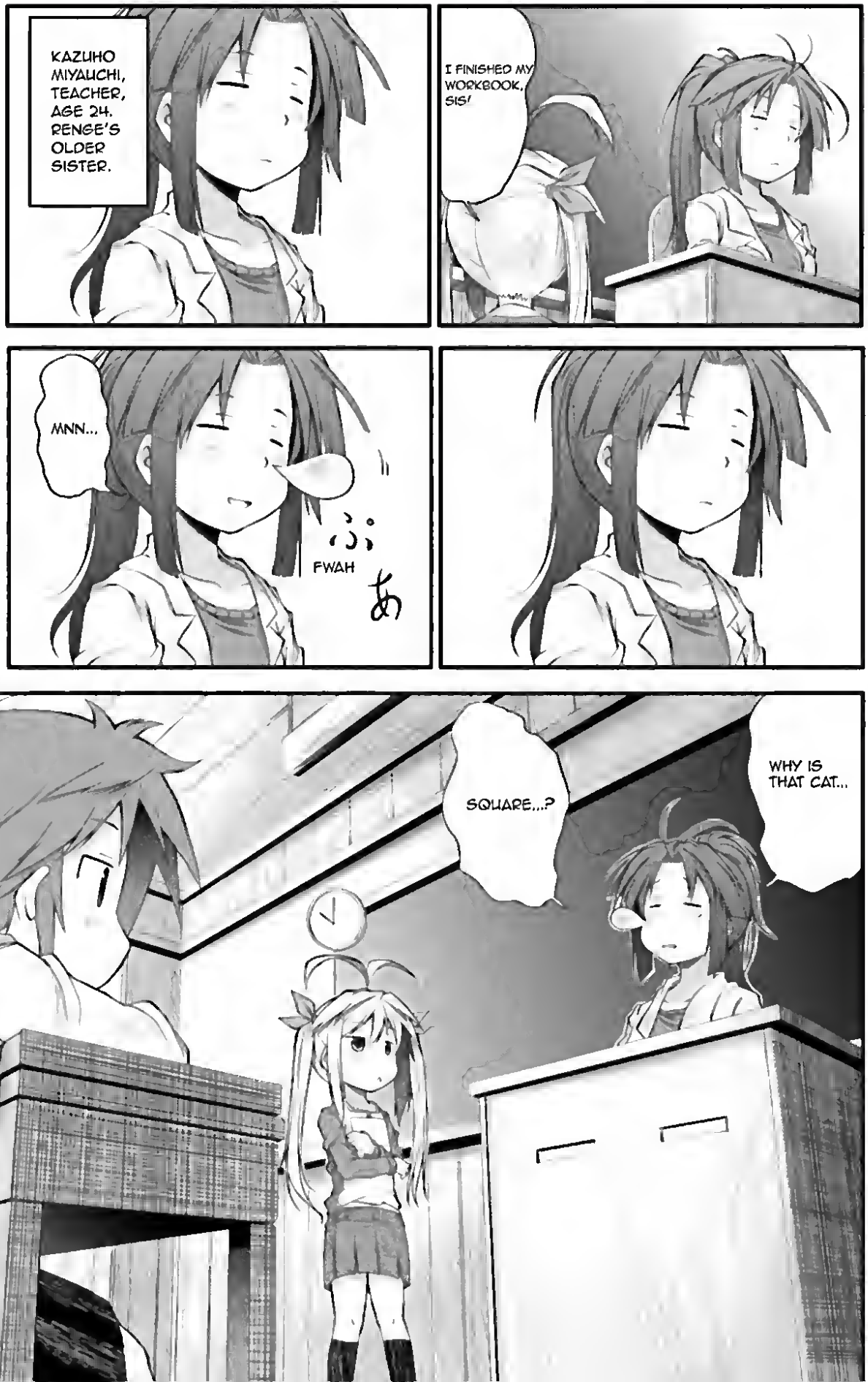

MY NAME IS HOTARU ICHIJO.
I'M CURRENTLY IN THE 5TH GRADE.
UNTIL LAST YEAR I WENT TO A SCHOOL IN TOKYO.
BUT BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS' WORK, I TRANS-FERRED TO THIS SCHOOL.

UH...
APPA-RENTLY SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU LIVE.

DIFFERENCE #1
WHY SHOULD I?
IF YOU DO, CAN YOU JUST DO ALL OF THESE FOR ME?
HEY SIS, DO YOU UNDER-STAND THIS PROBLEM?

I DON'T GET THIS QUESTION AT ALL...
NATSUMI KOSHIGAYA, 7TH GRADER.


RENGE MIYAUCHI, 1ST GRADER.
YAAAAWN
I FINISHED MY WORKBOOK.
DIFFERENCE #2
KOMORI KOSHIGAYA, 8TH GRADER. NATSUMI'S OLDER SISTER.
I'M STUDYING HERE TOO. DO IT YOURSELF.
THERE ARE ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS MIXED TOGETHER IN THE SAME CLASS.
SUGURU KOSHIGAYA, 9TH GRADER. NATSUMI AND KOMORI'S OLDER BROTHER.
MMHMM
MMHMM
I FINISHED THIS, SO SHOULD I TAKE IT UP FRONT?
DIFFERENCE #3
BECAUSE WE'RE ALL IN DIFFERENT GRADES, MOST CLASSES ARE INDEPENDENT STUDY PERIODS SO THE TEACHER...
OK, THEN I'LL TURN IT IN!
YEAH, APPARENTLY IF YOU FINISH THAT AND TAKE IT TO THE TEACHER, YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK.
THERE ARE ONLY FIVE STUDENTS IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.


KAZUHO MIYAUCHI, TEACHER, AGE 24. RENGE'S OLDER SISTER.
I FINISHED MY WORKBOOK, SIS!
MNN...
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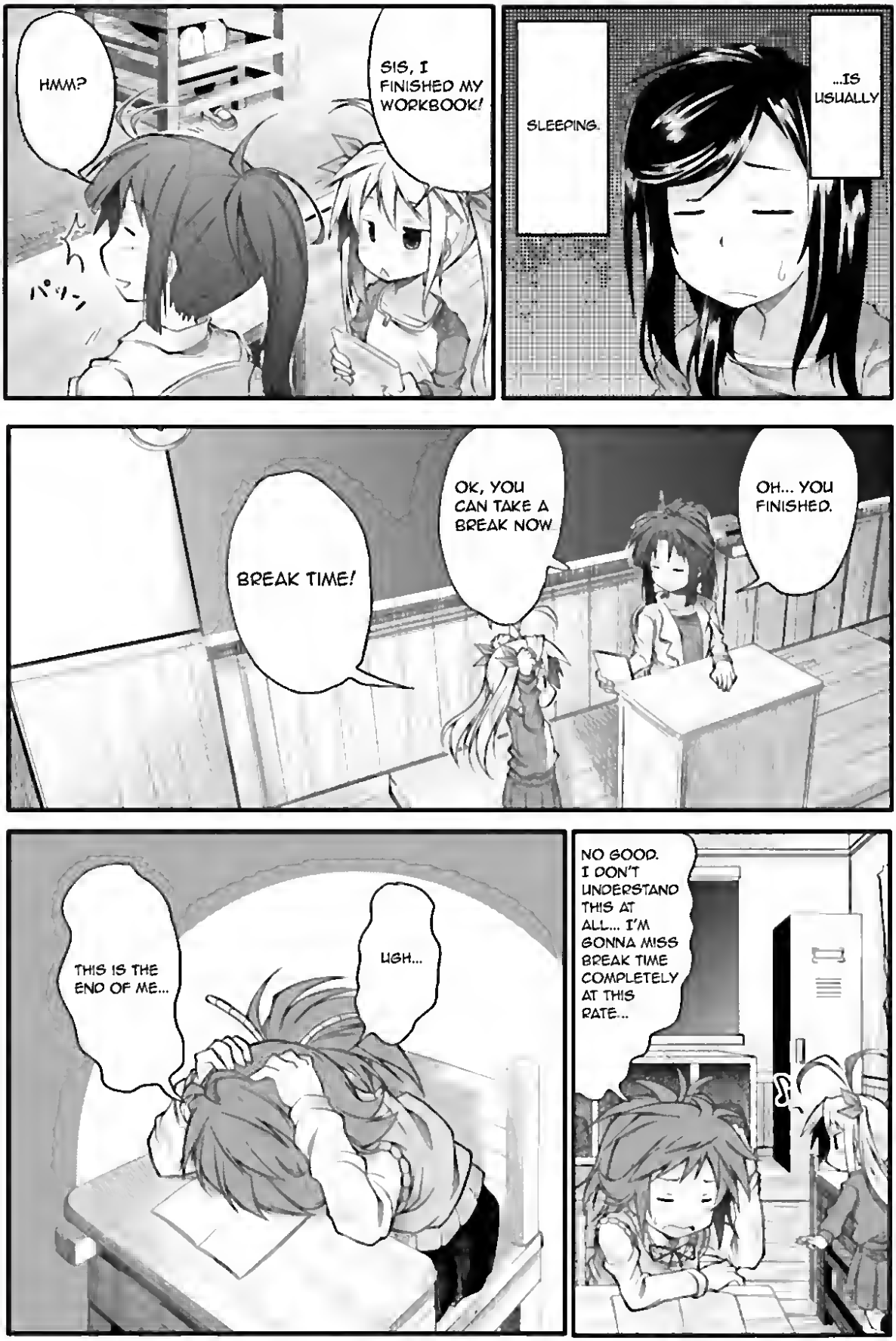
WHY IS THAT CAT...
SQUARE...?


HMM?
SIS, I FINISHED MY WORKBOOK!
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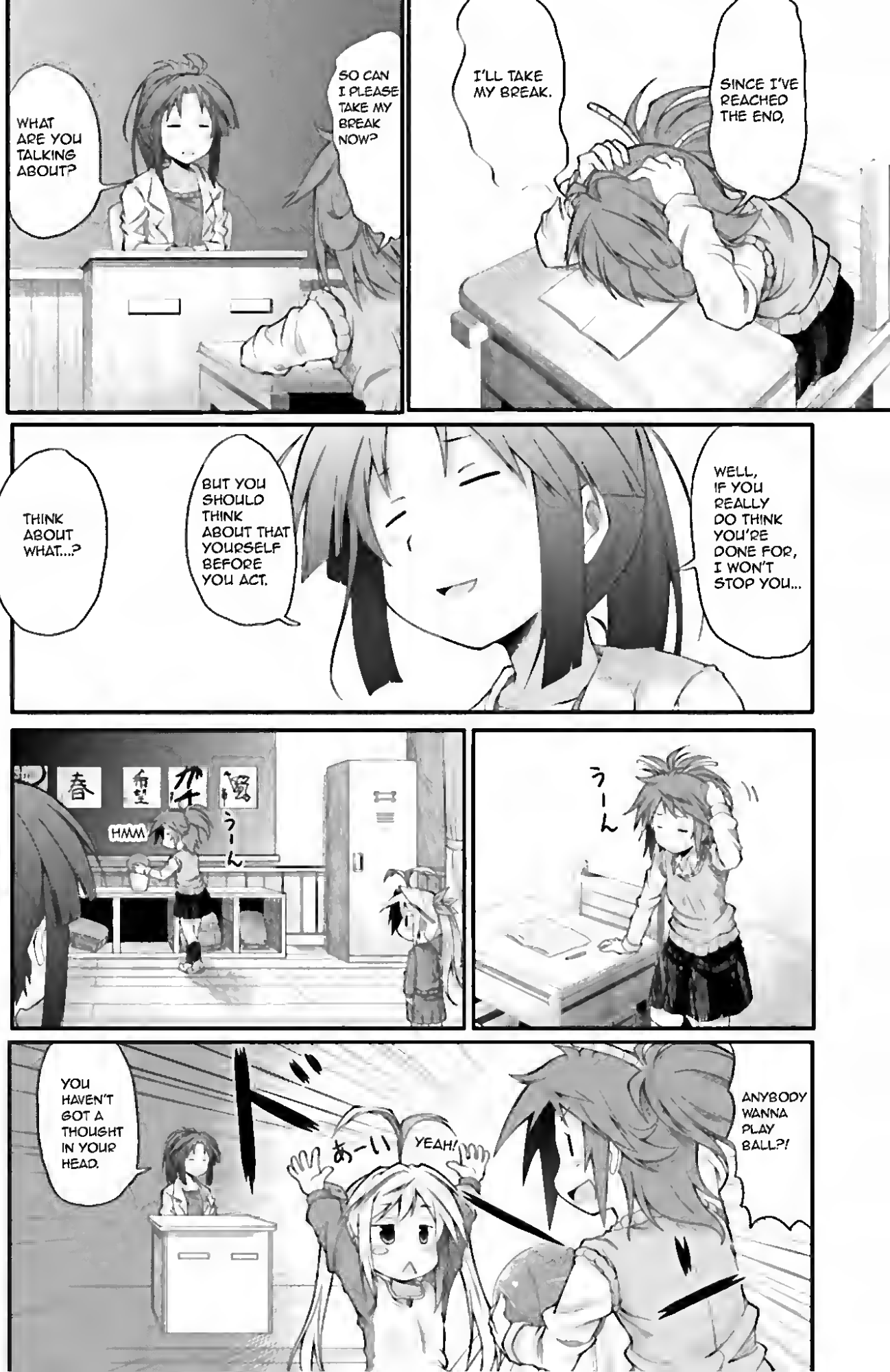
...IS USUALLY
SLEEPING.
BREAK TIME!
OK, YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK NOW
OH... YOU FINISHED.
THIS IS THE END OF ME...
UGH...
NO GOOD. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS AT ALL... I'M GONNA MISS BREAK TIME COMPLETELY AT THIS RATE...


SO CAN I PLEASE TAKE MY BREAK NOW?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SINCE I'VE REACHED THE END,
I'LL TAKE MY BREAK.
WELL, IF YOU REALLY DO THINK YOU'RE DONE FOR, I WON'T STOP YOU...
BUT YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT THAT YOURSELF BEFORE YOU ACT.
THINK ABOUT WHAT...?
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ANYBODY WANNA PLAY BALL?!
YEAH!
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YOU HAVEN'T GOT A THOUGHT IN YOUR HEAD.

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8TH GRADE, CLASS I +1ST +5TH +7TH +9TH
SO WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?
UMM, I WANNA PLAY...
DIFFERENCE #4
DODGEBALL, HUH?
DODGE-BALL... I THINK DODGE-BALL'S REALLY INTENSE.
THERE ARE BUCKETS PLACED THROUGHOUT THE HALLWAY.

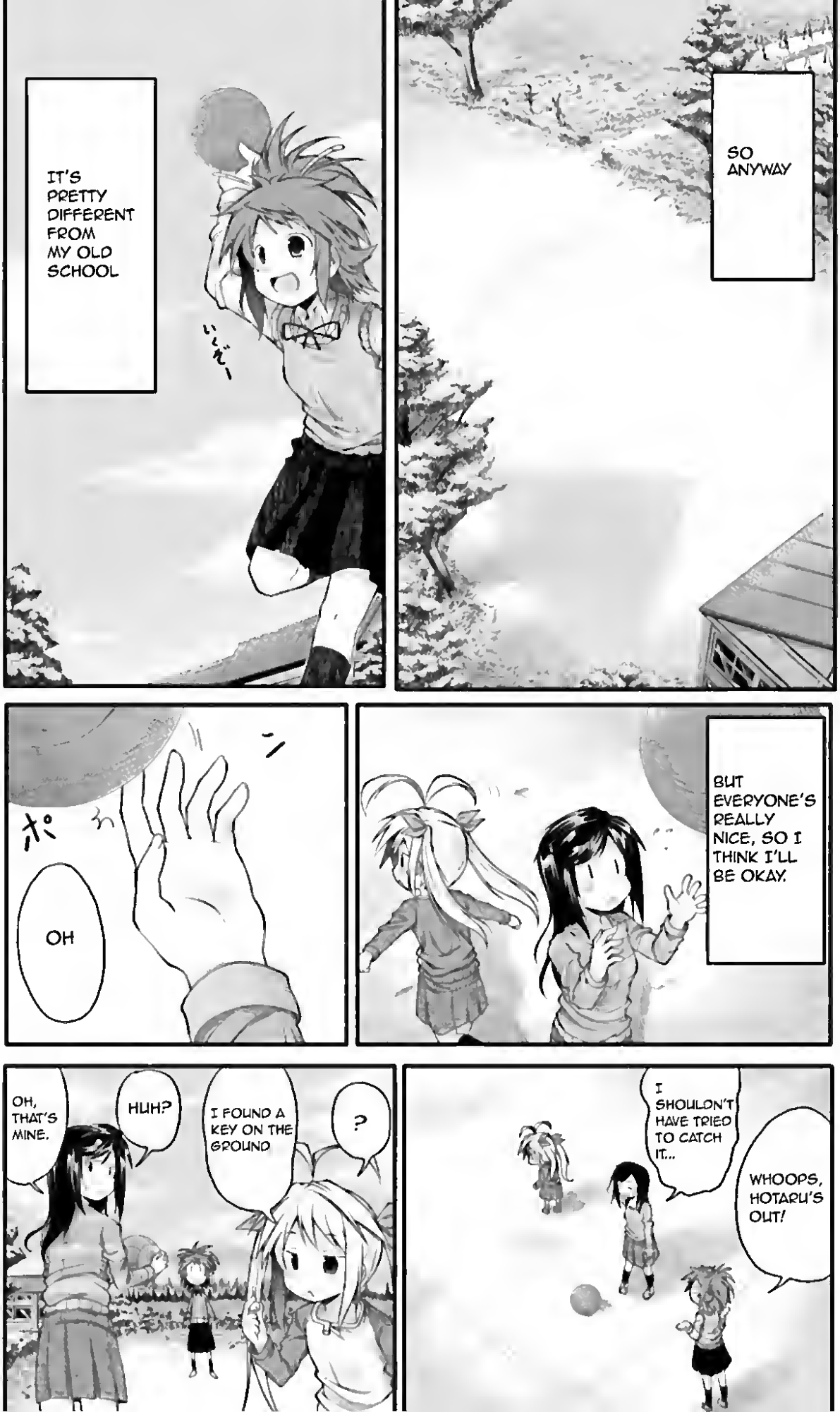
UMM... I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK FOR A WHILE, BUT...
WHAT ARE ALL THOSE BUCKETS?
OH, THOSE?

SO TRY NOT TO GO TOO CLOSE TO THEM
I... SEE. IF WE MOVE THE BUCKETS, WE WON'T KNOW WHERE THE LEAKS ARE ANYMORE
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

THEY'RE JUST THERE
TO CATCH THE RAIN.

I'M JOKING, I'M JOKING! NO ONE'S GOTTEN STUCK IN THE FLOOR BEFORE. BUT YOU SHOULD PROBABLY STILL BE CAREFUL.
EH, UH.. I SEE...

THE FLOOR'S GONE ROTTEN WITH DAMP, SO IF YOU GO TOO CLOSE, IT'LL COLLAPSE.
WHA?!


IT'S PRETTY DIFFERENT FROM MY OLD SCHOOL
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SO ANYWAY
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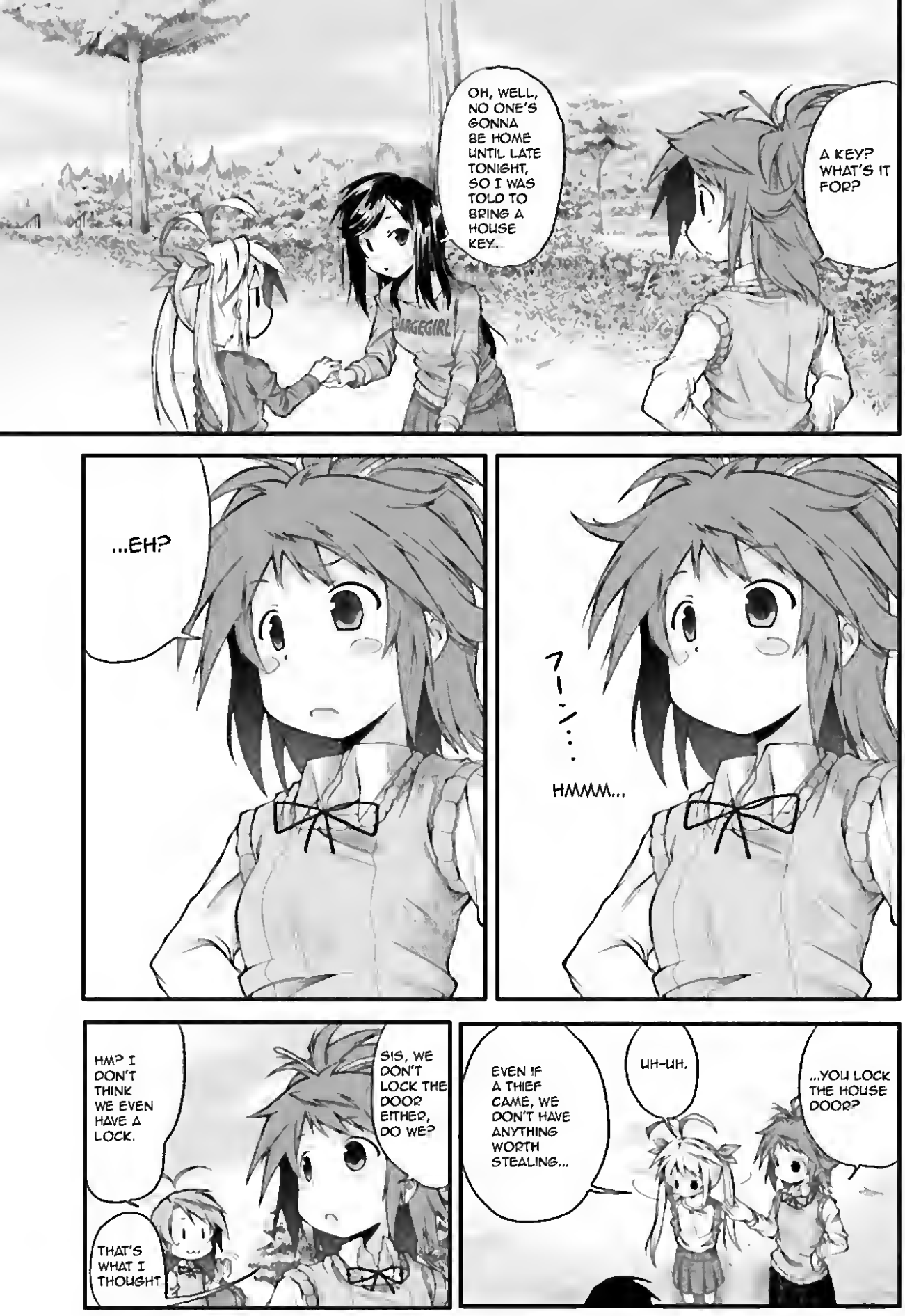
OH
BUT EVERYONE'S REALLY NICE, SO I THINK I'LL BE OKAY.
OH, THAT'S MINE.
HUH?
I FOUND A KEY ON THE GROUND
?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO CATCH IT...
WHOOPS, HOTARU'S OUT!


A KEY? WHAT'S IT FOR?
OH, WELL, NO ONE'S GONNA BE HOME UNTIL LATE TONIGHT, SO I WAS TOLD TO BRING A HOUSE KEY..
...EH?
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HMMM...
...YOU LOCK THE HOUSE DOOR?
UH-UH.
EVEN IF A THIEF CAME, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WORTH STEALING...
SIS, WE DON'T LOCK THE DOOR EITHER, DO WE?
HM? I DON'T THINK WE EVEN HAVE A LOCK.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT

HUH?
YOU'RE STRANGE.